



**CARTER CAVES  
STATE RESORT PARK  
CAVE TOURS  
AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2009**

Tours are led by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace.  
Questions are encouraged from tour participants.

A light jacket is recommended and comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged (some trail surfaces may be wet and slick).

**ALL CAVE TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER.**

**TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Bat Cave, Saltpeter Cave & Laurel Cave are closed until further notice!**

White Nose Syndrome, a disease that is killing 90-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves, is getting closer to the state of Kentucky. All three of these caves are important Bat Hibernacula's for the Federally Endangered Indiana Bat. The Department of Parks closed these caves in order to help prevent the introduction of White Nose Syndrome. For additional information on the White Nose Syndrome you can visit the following website: [http://www.fws.gov/northeast/white\\_nose.html](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/white_nose.html)

**ADMISSION FEES:**

**UNDER 3 YEARS, FREE WITH A GUARDIAN**

**CASCADE CAVE TOURS:** \$9.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE  
\$5.00 - 3-12 YEARS

**X CAVE TOURS:** \$7.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE  
\$4.00 - 3-12 YEARS



All caves within the park are closed to the public except through guided tours or by an activity permit. An activity permit is required for visits to Horn Hollow Cave within the park. Horn Hollow Cave is the only cave that can be accessed by an activity permit; entry into any other cave is against the law. By law, you must be out of Horn Hollow Cave by the Welcome Center closing time. These laws are strictly enforced. An activity permit may be obtained at the Welcome Center. People improperly equipped will not be issued a permit.  
For your own safety, do not attempt to violate this policy.



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# CASCADE CAVE

**CASCADE CAVE TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TOUR.**

**CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.**

**CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.**

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. Highlights of the tour include the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, the unique cave formations in the Cathedral Room, and an underground waterfall over 30 feet high.

**A short drive is required. Tour meets at Cascade area parking lot.**

**Tickets must be purchased at least 15 minutes prior to the tour. Tours available year-round.**

## **-SCHEDULE-**

**MONDAY thru FRIDAY:**

**10:00AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM, 4:30PM**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**

**9:30AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 2:30PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM**

**WALKING DISTANCE:** about 3/4 mile      **DURATION:** about 1 hour, 15 minutes

**TEMPERATURE:** 50-60 degrees (variable)

**DIFFICULTY:** Includes 225 stair steps through the cave; easy walking; electrically lit.



## **DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE**

Cascade Cave is 3.4 miles from the Welcome Center. Turn left out of the Welcome Center parking lot. Turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182. Travel 1.6 miles on Route 182, turn right onto Route 209 at the top of the hill. Cascade Cave parking lot is 0.6 miles on the left.

# X-CAVE

**X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER**  
**AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.**

X-cave has two vertical joint passages that meander through a large layer of limestone which puts you up-close to many beautiful cave formations. Some of the highlighted features include turkey rock, the pipe organ, and the giant column which is the largest cave formation found at the park. Be aware of your surroundings and you will discover how this cave became known as "X-Cave."

Tour meets in front of the Welcome Center. Tours available year-round.

## **-SCHEDULE-**

**MONDAY thru FRIDAY:**

**9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, 2:00PM, 3:30PM, 4:30PM\*\*, 5:30PM**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY:**

**9:30AM, 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 12:30PM, 1:15PM, 2:00PM, 2:45PM, 3:30PM, 4:30PM\*\*, 5:30PM**

**\*\*Denotes a Flashlight Tour. Please see recreation schedule for more details.**

**WALKING DISTANCE:** About 1/4 mile      **DURATION:** About 45 minutes

**TEMPERATURE:** 45-60 degrees (variable)

**DIFFICULTY:** Includes 75 stair steps through narrow passages; some stooping, electrically lit.